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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on April 16, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report dated April 28, 2005, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04000172.9, in which the following documents were cited:

(1) An article by REN et al., entitled "Integration of Mobile IP and Multi-Protocol Label Switching," published in IEEE International Conference on Communications, Vol. 1 of 10, June 11, 2001, pp. 2123-2127. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement on April 16, 2004, and thus, a copy of the document is not enclosed herein;

- (2) An article by Jong-Moon CHUNG, entitled "Wireless Multiprotocol Label Switching (WMPLS)," published in Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems and Computers, IEEE Vol. 1 of 2 Conf. 36, November 4, 2001, pp. 679-683; and
- (3) An article by MALKI et al., entitled "Simultaneous Bindings for Mobile IPv6 Fast Handoffs," published on June 2002, retrieved from <http://www.join.uni-muenster.de/Dokumente/drafts/draft-elmalki-mobileip-bicasting-v6-02.txt> on April 18, 2005

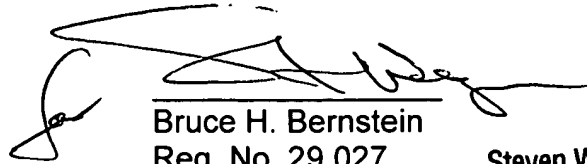
The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (2) and (3) are attached hereto and listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants furthermore certify that items (2) and (3) contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, no fee is required to be paid to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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